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Applicant(s):	Elliott	Docket:	VON-96-105
Serial No.:	08/746,901	Art Unit:	2731
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Title:	SYSTEM, METHOD, AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR SELECTING A GATEWAY OF A HYBRID COMMUNICATION SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE		

SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated June 6, 2000 and further in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 19-30 are pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the proposed amendment filed on May 22, 2000 will be entered upon filing of a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief.

In the Office Action dated March 22, 2000, claims 19-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Yang (RFC 1789) in view of Kubler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,726,948. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant asserts that Yang does not provide an "enabling" disclosure sufficient for properly rejecting the claims. "The test whether a particular [aspect] described in the prior art may be relied upon to show obviousness is whether the prior art provided an enabling disclosure